IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

L. BARANOVA et al.

Application No.: 09/076,956

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PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF NUCLEIC ACIDS ON A SOLID SUPPORT AND COMPOUNDS

WHICH ARE USEFUL IN PARTICULAR AS SOLID

SUPPORTS IN THE SAID PROCESS

Group Art Unit:

Examiner: L. Cran

Attorney Docket No.:

9710-007

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2000, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks intended to put this application into form for allowance. Applicants submit herewith (a) replacement pages 20-22 for Schemes 1-4.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 104-107 as follows: